



DOWNHAM MARKET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1967

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DOWNHAM MARKET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Members of the Public Health Committee:-

Chairman - Mr.J.E.Tasman

Mr.A.W.Beazley

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Mr.H.E.Brett

Mr.A.E.Clarke

Mr.V.J.Collins

Mr.R.S.Goodrum

Mr.J.H.Long

Mr.J.D.Walmsley

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Public Health Officers of the Local Authority:-

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Dr.J.McD.Hanley, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P., & S., D.P.H.,  
Local Health Office,  
48 Howdale Road,  
Downham Market.

Tel: Downham Market 3241

Also holds the appointments of:-

School Medical Officer.

Assistant County Medical Officer.

Medical Officer of Health to Downham Rural District Council.

Medical Officer of Health to Marshland Rural District Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR

D.R.Ford, Esq.  
Council Offices,  
Town Hall,  
Downham Market.

Tel: Downham Market 3342

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Mr. Chairman and Members of Downham Market Urban District Council,

I have the honour to present my report for the year ending December 31st 1967.

County Health Service

Shown below are figures for immunisations carried out by general practitioners and local authority staff in my area during 1967.

Smallpox Vaccination

Primary vaccination		Total	Revaccination		Total
Under 5	5 - 15		Under 5	5 - 15	
296	33	329	6	33	39

Tetanus

Primary Courses		Total	Reinforcing Doses		Total
Under 8	8 - 15		Under 8	8 - 15	
671	45	716	797	500	1297

Whooping Cough

Primary Courses		Total	Reinforcing Doses		Total
Under 8	8 - 15		Under 8	8 - 15	
619	4	623	306	9	315

Diphtheria

Primary Courses		Total	Reinforcing Doses		Total
Under 8	8 - 15		Under 8	8 - 15	
670	20	690	779	437	1216

Poliomyelitis

Primary Courses		Total	Reinforcing Doses		Total
Under 8	8 - 15		Under 8	8 - 15	
578	13	591	572	80	652



### B.C.G. Vaccination

Number given the preliminary skin test	Number vaccinated	Number referred for chest X-ray
393	346	4

The past year has been one of quiet consolidation in school and community health.

Health education was continued in schools, and I and my staff lectured to interested clubs and organisations in our area. We dealt with sex education, mental health, cancer education, general hygiene and mothercraft.

During the year there was a short sharp outbreak of virus enteritis which was quickly controlled without recurrence.

The Mass Miniature Radiography Unit again reported a very satisfactory result to their visit here, showing that this community is markedly free from infection.

I would like to record my appreciation for the assistance and support I have had during the year from the Clerk, Public Health Inspector and members of the Local Health Office Staff.

J.McD.Hanley,  
Medical Officer of Health.

### Water Supply

The following details of water supply have been received from the Wisbech and District Water Board.

#### Summary of Analyses and Examinations

In the period from 1st December, 1967 to 31st December, 1967 the following analyses and examinations were made of water supplied to Downham Market Urban district:

Bacteriological Examinations 29

Chemical Analyses 5

Of the bacteriological examinations 29 gave negative coliform counts, and Nil gave positive counts.

Overall the results were 100% negative

Further details of any of the above samples may be seen in the Board's Ledgers at the Laboratory.

J.S.Collins  
Chemist and Bacteriologist.

# SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS, 1967

Area in acres	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,003
Population 1931	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,465
Population 1967 (Estimated)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,320
<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43
Rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.11
" for Administrative County	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.95
" for England and Wales	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17.2
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Births								7.0
<u>DEATHS</u> (all causes)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40
Rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7.35
" for Administrative County	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.01
" for England and Wales	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11.2
<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	NIL
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	NIL
" for Administrative County	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.23
" for England and Wales	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14.8
<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS</u>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43
<u>INFANT DEATHS</u> (deaths under 1 year)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
<u>INFANT MORTALITY RATES</u>								
Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total Live Births								46.51
" for Administrative County	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.25
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Legitimate Births								50.0
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births								NIL
<u>NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>								
(Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total Live Births)								46.51
<u>EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>								
(Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total Live Births)								NIL
<u>PERI-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>								
(Still Births and Deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total Live and Still Births)								NIL
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY</u> (including Abortion)								
Number of Deaths	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	NIL
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	NIL



## SECTION A

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

#### 1. GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES

Norfolk Executive Council,  
Horse Fair House, 17 St.Faiths Lane, Norwich, Nor.078.  
- Clerk F.H.Adams, Esq.

#### 2. EAST ANGLIAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

Senior Administrative Medical Officer,  
Dr.J.B.Ewen, M.D., D.P.H.,  
"Croft-Holme", 117 Chesterton Road, Cambridge.

#### 3.(a) GENERAL

Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich.  
West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital, King's Lynn.  
Jenny Lind Hospital, Norwich.  
St.James' Hospital, King's Lynn. (For chronic sick)  
The Howdale Home, Downham Market.

#### (b) MATERNITY

West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital (Maternity Unit).  
Mill Road Hospital, Cambridge.

#### (c) INFECTIONS

Isolation Hospital, King's Lynn.  
Isolation Hospital, Bowthorpe Road, Norwich.

#### (d) SANTORIA

Kelling Sanatorium, Holt.

#### (e) MENTAL

St.Andrew's Hospital, Norwich.  
Hellesdon Hospital, Norwich.  
Little Plumstead, Norwich.

#### 4. MATERNITY SERVICES

##### DISTRICT NURSE:-

Nurse Fox,  
2 Churchill Way, Downham Market.

#### 5. AMBULANCE AND HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE

This is a County Council function and is controlled by the Joint Ambulance Committee. It is worked on an Agency basis by the British Red Cross and the Order of St.John and W.V.S.

The Downham Market Urban Area is served by the Downham Market Ambulance.

Infectious Disease cases are conveyed by the King's Lynn Infectious Disease Ambulance.

5. AMBULANCE AND HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE, CONTD.

The Hospital Car Service is administered from the Local Health Office,

15 Nelson Street, King's Lynn.

6. RED CROSS MEDICAL LOAN DEPOT

Downham Market - Mrs. I.M. Burbeck, "Court House".

7. COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Downham Market Infant Welfare centre is held at the Health Office, Howdale Road.

The Assistant County Medical Officer of Health is in attendance at the session which is held from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month.

I would again like to register my warm appreciation of the voluntary help given at each session by the ladies of the local branch of the British Red Cross.

Home Help Service

The County Home Help Scheme is administered from the Local Health Office. In many cases this service enables the aged and infirm to remain in their homes much longer than would otherwise be possible. Home Helps are engaged on an occasional basis and their work in the community is greatly appreciated.

8. VENEREAL DISEASE CLINIC

West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital.

Males

TUESDAY - 5.30 p.m. to

7.00 p.m.

FRIDAY - 4.00 p.m. to

5.30 p.m.

Females and Children

TUESDAY - 3.00 p.m. to

5.00 p.m.

FRIDAY - 3.00 p.m. to

4.00 p.m.

9. DISINFECTION

The disinfection of premises is carried out by the Public Health Inspector.

10. LABORATORY SERVICES

(a) Public Health Laboratory, & Public Health Laboratory,  
Bowthorpe Road, Tennis Court Road,  
Norwich. Cambridge.

under the direction of Dr. I.M. Dowsett.

(b) Public Analyst:-

Dr. Eric Wood, Ph.D., A.R.C.S., F.R.I.C.,  
Clarence House,  
6 Clarence Road,  
Norwich.



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## SECTION B

STATISTICAL TABLE, 1967

TABLE NUMBER 1

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS								
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over
1. TUBERCULOSIS, RESPIRATORY	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
11. MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, LUNG, BRONCHUS	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14. OTHER MALIGNANT AND DYSPLASTIC NEOPLASMS	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
17. VASCULAR LESIONS OF NERVOUS SYSTEM	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
18. CORONARY DISEASE, ANGINA	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
20. OTHER HEART DISEASE	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
21. OTHER CIRCULATORY DISEASE	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
23. PNEUMONIA	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
	F	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
24. BRONCHITIS	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
31. CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32. OTHER DEFINED AND ILL-DEFINED DISEASES	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5
33. MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
<u>TOTAL ALL CAUSES</u>	M	26	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	10	10
	F	24	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	3	3	16





TABLE NUMBER 2

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES - 1967

## Notification in Age Groups

	AGES												TOTAL	Removed to Hospital	Deaths
	Under 1	1- 2	2- 3	3- 4	4- 5	5- 10	10- 15	15- 20	20- 35	35- 45	45- 65	Age Unknown			
MEASLES	1	2	-	5	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-
WHOOPIING COUGH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PNEUMONIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
TOTALS	1	2	-	5	1	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	13	-	-

TABLE NUMBER 3

## MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES - 1967

(Other than Tuberculosis)

DISEASE	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
MEASLES	5	1	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	12
WHOOPIING COUGH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PNEUMONIA	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	5	1	-	1	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	13

NEW CASES OF AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS - 1967

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